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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MARCH 14 MEETING (SALT TWO-559)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE STATEMENT ON ARTICLE IV (MIRVS), STATING I WOULD DEAL WITH PROTOCOL AT NEXT MEETING, AND SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT IN WHICH HE LUMPED TOGETHER THEIR ARTICLE VII (240 LIMIT ON SLBM LAUNCHERS ON SUBMARINES OF A NEW TYPE) AND SUB-PARAGRAPHS C AND D OF THEIR ARTICLE IX (BALISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNS VEHICLES AND BALLISTIC MISSILES ON SEABEDS). TRUSOV MADE STATEMENT ON FEFINITIONS IN WHICH HE SAID ICBM RANGE SHOULD BE DEFINED IN SOME WAY AS IN I.A. AGREED INTERPRETATION, SLBM LAUNCHERS ACCORDING TO SCC PROCEDURES OF JULY 3, 1974, AND HEAVY BOMBERS ACCORDING TO THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION. SEMENOV ENDORSED TRUSOV'S STATEMENT AS REPRESENTING OFFICIAL POSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATION.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR PRIVATE MEETING, WHICH WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION AS TO HOW WORKING GROUPS WOULD OPERATE, SEMENOV, SPEAKING FROM NOTES, REFERRED TO HIS TODAY'S STATEMENT AND, AGAIN LUMPING ARTICLES VII AND IX TOGETHER, MADE LONG STATEMENT SUPPORTING THEIR POSITION ON BASIS OF

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PARA 5 OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND INVITED MY VIEWS. AS HIS STATEMENT

APPEARED TO IMPLY THAT MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT ITEMS THEIR ARTICLE IX WERE UNDER STUDY ALSO APPLIED TO THEIR ARTICLE VII. I FELT IT NECESSARY IMMEDIATELY TO RESPOND. I TOLD HIM I COULD NOT ACCEPT THEIR LUMPING OF ARTICLE VII AND IX TOGETHER--THAT THEY DEALT WITH QUITE DIFFERENT MATTERS AND THAT MY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE IX DID NOT APPLY TO ARTICLE VII. I SAID THAT WE WERE "ASTONISHED" TO SEE ARTICLE VII IN THEIR DRAFT. HE WELL KNEW THE HISTORY OF THEIR EFFORTS TO BAN OUR TRIDENT SUBMARINE AND THE ROLE THAT THIS PLAYED AT VLADIVOSTOK. WE REAGARDED THEIR EFFORT NOW TO REINTRODUCE THE TRIDENT SUBMARINE ISSUE IN ANOTHER GUISE AS CONTRARY TO THE DISCUSSIONS AT VLADIVOSTOK. I SAID THAT THIS SHOULD NOT COME AS ANY SURPRISE TO THEM. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION AS TO WHETHER I WAS "REJECTING" ANY DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE VII, I SAID I COULD ONLY REPEAT WHAT I HAD SAID. (I FELT AT THIS STAGE IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO GIVE THEM ANY BASIS FOR REJECTING DISCUSSION OF ANYTHING IN OUR DRAFT--FOR EXAMPLE, OUR PROTOCOL ON MIRV VERIFICATION.) HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT MY REACTION AND IN AN ASIDE TO MY INTERPRETER AS WE WERE LEAVING SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I WOULD MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT AT A PLENARY MEETING.

3. BROWN AND MAY DISCUSSED WITH SHCHUKIN THE SETTING UP OF VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP, PROPOSING THAT FRIST MEETING BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, WHICH WOULD FOLLOW MY PRESENTATION ON SUBJECT AT PLENARY AND WOULD BE PRIOR TO BROWN'S DEPARTURE. SHEUKIN PROMISED REPLY AFTER CONSULTING WITH BELETAKY. BROWN'S AND MAY'S EMPHASIS ON OUR INVITATION TO SOVIET SIDE TO JOIN IN EXAMINATION OF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MIRV VERIFICATION PROVISIONS IN A COOPERATIVE WAY SEEMED TO STRIKE SOME RESPONSE WITH SHEHUKIN, WHO APPEARED NOT TO HAVE FOCUSED ON OUR MANY PREVIOUS STATEMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

4. ROWNY PROPOSED TO TRUSOV THAT THEIR DEFINITION WORKING GROUP MEET ON MONDAY, BUT AGREED TO TRUSOV'S COUNTERPROPOSAL THAT THEY MEET ON WEDNESDAY. BELETSKY PRESSED ROWNY HARD ON THEIR ARTICLE VII, IN RESPONSE TO WHICH ROWNY POINTED UP ITS ENTIRELY ONESIDED CHARACTER.

5. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 18. JOHNSON

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